

Sustainability Advisory Committee

MINUTES SAC COMMITTEE April 24, 2014 CITY HALL A/B CONFERENCE ROOM

ROLL CALL:

Diane Meyer, Chair
Stan Braude
Pamela Fournier
Jackie Coleman
Brad Bernstein
Alex Bornstein
Joe Miller
Joanne Boulton, Aldermanic Representative

ABSENT:

Gina Nakis
Richard Marx
Andrea Maddox-Dallas, Aldermanic Representative
Dale Houdeshell, Director of Public Works

CITY STAFF:

John Wulf, Asst. Director of Public Works Daneen Schlereth, Recording Secretary

The minutes of February 27th meeting were approved with one minor grammar change on page 2 "Waste side" needs to be changed to "way side".

E-Recycling Event Update

John informed the committee the event occurred on March 21st and 22nd this year, as of 2005 till 2012 the city has recycled up to 200 tons. John said we are still waiting on the results from 2013. The numbers from Ran worldwide, a sub consultant of Republic, reported we recycled a little over 18 tons just this year. The city itself donated 1 1/2 pick up loads of recycled electronics. John said it seemed to be a success and the city is thinking about hosting one in the fall. It was asked how the city advertises. John informed the committee that the city advertises it on the website and on the city's Facebook page. It was suggested maybe use Twitter also.

The committee had a general conversation about electronic recycling. The process and where the electronics go after disposed of.

NEW BUSINESS

Pam informed the committee that the City of St. Louis is spear heading a monarch butterfly restoration project. Pam passed out a hand out explaining the project. The project is called "Milkweeds for Monarchs", it's an initiative to help grow the monarch populations by planting milkweeds. She said the monarch butterflies only lay their eggs on milkweed, and caterpillars only eat milkweed, so when host plants are scarce, so are the butterflies. In a nutshell they are the city is encouraging residents to plant milkweeds and encouraging private butterfly gardens throughout the City.

Pam reminded the committee of Katherine Werner who used to be on our committee, she is now the Sustainability Director for the City of St. Louis and she is spear heading this initiative. I talked her last week and told her I would bring the information to our next meeting. Pam said she thought this was initiative was noteworthy and thought maybe we could do something here in Clayton.

The committee continued with a general conversation regarding the project and was suggested we bring to the next meeting some ideas for our city to contribute.

Patty informed the committee Susan responded back to her text, that we have milkweed planted in Shaw Park, Oak Knoll and Wydown, it has also been planted at the Center of Clayton to attract the monarch butterflies.

I have attached the hand out to the end of the minutes.

Oak Knoll Project – presentation from Steve Roberts (MSD)

Patty introduced Steve Roberts to the committee to present the Storm water Management Project in Oak Knoll Park. Basically MSD wants to use a small portion of Oak Knoll Park for a storm water detention basin to help control the storm water over there. The city has been working on this for several years gone through multiply liberations on what it might be. The determination has been made to install an underground storage basin and put it in the park. The city is looking

for some feedback, any comments or concerns that you might see. This project is to help the residents in that area and to also help downstream.

Steve Roberts is a Project Manager for MSD and has been working on the flooding system with city near Oak Knoll Park. Steve explained the project and how it will affect the City of Clayton's park. Steve had several maps and site plans showing the contour lines of sewers on the property on Ridgemoor and in the park. This property located at 42 Ridgemoor and several properties down further are getting a lot of storm water runoff. At one point last year 42 Ridgemoor was about 6 inches from getting this water in their house. MSD and the city have been discussing several ways of preventing this from happening. The solution was to install an underground storage basin in a portion of Oak Knoll Park. The area they are looking at is a grassy area with a minimal amount of trees that would have to be removed. It was asked if the trees would be replanted somewhere else in the park. Patty said that was the plan.

Steve continued explaining the reasoning behind the rerouting of the lines and why the basin was needed. The water would be stored and slowly released back into the lines. The plan is referred to as a storm trap.

After the presentation, Steve and Patty answered several questions regarding the project and the benefits to Clayton. The committee thanked Steve and Patty for the presentation and their time.

The committee continued with a general conversation about the project and understood the reasoning behind it. A few members did not agree on why we are helping the properties further south out of the City, however the project will help out our own residents which is the city's priority.

Susan said we have milkweed planted in Shaw Park, Oak Knoll and Wydown - planted it at the center also to attract the monarch butterflies

The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 26. 2014

cc: June Waters, City Clerk